# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 02 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 at 03:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for Wednesday. Low for extent of any drier conditions later on Thursday. High for Friday and Saturday.

**Headline for Wednesday 01 Feb 2023:** Cold and windy with early snow showers. Rain and snow extending north in the afternoon and evening

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 01 Feb 2023**

**Blizzards**
Low Likelihood

**Gales**
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
Low Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
High Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
Low Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Light snow | Cloudy | Light snow | Heavy snow | Sleet | Sleet |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 50% | 30% | 40% | 60% | 70% | 70% |

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**Weather:** A few light snow showers at first otherwise dry in the morning. Thickening cloud will bring outbreaks of rain and sleet, preceded by snow, to Arran and Kintyre in the early afternoon, and then soon to remaining areas by mid-afternoon. Outbreaks of rain and higher summit snow continuing into the evening although snow confined to Argyll and southern Lochaber.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 50%, best chance in the morning

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Very good with great air clarity outside of cloud and snow. Some patchy cloud around 800 metres in the morning. Low cloud becoming extensive down to 600 metres across the southwest by early afternoon, and this becoming more extensive after dark.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 01 Feb 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 53/62 W | 41/48 W | 32/40 W | 24/30 SW | 27/33 SW | 35/43 SW | 31/40 SW |
| **900** | 35/42 W | 26/33 W | 21/29 W | 13/18 W | 13/18 SW | 21/29 W | 21/30 SW |
| **600** | 34/41 W | 29/35 W | 22/30 W | 15/20 SW | 14/19 SW | 23/30 SW | 25/33 SW |
| **300** | 21/27 NW | 15/21 W | 12/18 W | 7/11 SW | 7/10 S | 11/15 SW | 11/18 SW |
| **Glen** | 10/24 W | 6/18 W | 9/19 W | 6/12 SW | 3/8 SW | 4/13 SW | 8/19 SW |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1300** | -4/-16 | -5/-16 | -4/-14 | -4/-12 | -3/-11 | -1/-9 | -0/-8 |
| **900** | -2/-11 | -2/-10 | -1/-8 | -1/-7 | -1/-6 | 1/-6 | 2/-4 |
| **600** | 1/-7 | 1/-6 | 1/-5 | 1/-4 | 1/-4 | 3/-2 | 4/-1 |
| **300** | 3/-3 | 4/-1 | 4/-0 | 3/-0 | 3/0 | 5/2 | 6/3 |
| **Glen** | 5/1 | 5/2 | 6/3 | 5/3 | 4/3 | 6/4 | 8/6 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 600m | 600m | 600m | 700m | 800m | 1200m | 1300m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Strong summit winds persisting on the higher tops leading to severe wind chill. Freezing levels expected to rise to higher summit level after dark with a thaw of lying snow at lower elevations

**Forecast for Thursday 02 Feb 2023**

**Weather:** A cloudy day with some widespread and heavy rain for much of the day, some drier interludes possible across southern Kintyre and Arran. Heavy rain combined with rising a freezing level will lead to a thaw of lying snow.

**Maximum wind:** Westerly winds with average speed of 40 mph and gusts to 60 mph on the higher summits

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 20%, best chance across the far south given some shelter

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Poor in widespread cloud down to 500 to 700 metres, but locally good across the far south in any drier and clearer breaks

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 11 Celsius
**At 800m:** Plus 5 Celsius
**Freezing level:** Above summits

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